

CLAIMS "FLYING AROUND" DEATH

REY'S ATTORNEY BITTER TRADE AGAINST TALES MEN

Davis Clashes With Judge. Reprimanded for Trying to Show Prejudice Against Client—No Juror Qualifies.

BY BOB HILDEBRAND.

The same sort of a legal battle that required 14 days of actual court time to select the jury which tried and convicted Allen McNamara, is being staged over again in the first division of criminal court in the trial of Jack Frey for criminal assault. Ralph Davis, who was McNamara's attorney, also is conducting the defense in the Frey case. Unless Mr. Davis changes tactics, the selection of a jury to try Frey will take as long as was required to obtain the McNamara jury.

The Frey trial will be a repetition of the McNamara trial, and it is expected that the jury will be selected by Monday morning's court proceedings are any criterion. Already the first special venire has been ordered by Judge J. D. Richards. It calls for 300 men to report Wednesday morning.

The same tireless questions, the same pressing of the point of opinion by Ralph Davis, that characterized the McNamara trial already making the Frey case. As a result not a venireman examined Monday morning qualified to sit on the jury to try Frey. But one man came seriously close to it, after Mr. Davis, W. T. McLean and Judge Richards had tied up into a triangular legal array that grew hot and heavy before the veniremen finally disqualified.

"I think that you exceed that authority which is vested within you," was one tart sentence which Mr. Davis addressed to the court.

"If he can't understand me how can he understand your honor?" was the second.

This clash between the court and Mr. Davis occurred after Judge Richards

HEAVY INCREASE ANTICIPATED REGISTERED VOTE

The winners in the city election Nov. 5, will have to secure more than 12,000 votes each, unless all estimates thus far made by campaign managers for the two tickets are wrong.

Efforts of the managers and their ward committees will be centered for the next few days on getting as many voters as possible, who are not now entered, to place their names on the lists.

The supplemental registration will begin Wednesday morning and close Friday night. There are 21,000 voters registered now.

Estimates at headquarters of both tickets are that not more than 10,000 additional names will be up on the books before the close of the registration.

If these estimates are correct, it will mean a total registration of at least 31,000 for the city election of Nov. 5. No one expects a vote of that size, but a total vote of more than 20,000 is a certainty, and there is a probability of several thousand more votes being cast.

The women's vote is the problem that remains unsolved. No politician is able to guess either how many women will register this week, how many will vote, or for which ticket the majority of the new citizens will vote. There are well organized women's committees at work for both tickets. Besides the political organizations, several fraternal clubs, and the Women's central committee, a non-partisan organization, are working to have as many women as possible registered.

In past years, there has often been much fraudulent registration in what are known as the old wards, those in the downtown section, where cheap lodging houses abound, in which the class known as floaters, whose votes are for sale to the highest bidder, congregate. In some places, with half a dozen rooms, as many as 50 voters have sometimes been registered, none of whom were actual citizens of Memphis.

"CRAZY" WHEN HE LEG BRIMBLE, TESTIFIES

Lorenzo Young Tells Garbled Story and Becomes Confused on Stand in His Trial for Murder of Sergeant.

Lorenzo Young, desperate negro, who shot and killed John G. Brinkley, police sergeant, and wounded several other officers when the officers sought to arrest him on June 13 for chicken stealing, testified in his own behalf Monday in second criminal court.

Young said that when the officers arrested him he was ill and when they began shooting at him from all sides and wounded him he became crazy and did not know what he was doing. He declared all that he remembered of the shooting until he was captured, was running away in his hurry.

Young became much confused when cross-examined by S. O. Bates, state's attorney, but vainly tried to stick to his story. He did not remember shooting Sgt. Brinkley.

The defense sought to prove that there was no certainty that the negro shot Sgt. Brinkley and put forth evidence in an effort to prove that Brinkley may have been accidentally shot by one of the officers on the same side of the fence with him just before the capture. J. H. Novell, a attorney, testified to the scene of the shooting and measurements for the defense and testified as to what he had found there.

Dual Defense Shown.

The defendant said that he was 25 years of age, and came from Mississippi. He lived in New Orleans eight weeks before moving to Memphis. He said he lived at 217 South Second. The chicken he had was bought on the day of his arrest, he said. He had purchased in Mississippi. He borrowed the money from a friend in Mississippi and brought the poultry here to sell.

When the negro had completed his testimony, at the request of Lawrence Monahan, public defender and representing him, Dr. T. C. Graves, of the county board of health, examined him to see how many times he was shot. Dr. Graves said that from a superficial examination it appeared that the negro had been shot twice in the back.

The defense will rest its case on two pleas, one of temporary insanity on the day of the crime, and the other one on the plea that he was shot by one of his fellow negroes.

Argument in the case probably will be reached some time Monday afternoon.

CAPTAIN SMITH SHOWS LOG BOOK TO PROVE CLAIM

MINNEOLA, N. Y., Oct. 13.—Capt. Lowell H. Smith, third east-bound aviator to complete the transcontinental flight, arrived here at 10:50:42. According to the record in Capt. Smith's log book, he has beaten Lieut. Maynard in the transcontinental race. Capt. Smith's figures show he flew from San Francisco to Minneola in 24 hours, 30 minutes flying time, as against Lieut. Maynard's 24 hours, 59 minutes and 48 1/2 seconds from Minneola to San Francisco. Capt. Smith's claim to be victor will have to be officially verified before a decision is made.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 13.—Expressing confidence in his ability to beat Lieut. Maynard's time to the Pacific coast in the transcontinental air race, Lieut. L. V. Beau, Jr., of Larchmont Manor, N. Y., No. 36, landed here from Buffalo at 9:40 a.m. and left for Bryan, O., at 10:20. Lieut. Beau claims he was seven minutes ahead of Lieut. Maynard's flying time to Cleveland.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 13.—Capt. C. H. Drayton, of Philadelphia, westbound in the transcontinental air derby, arrived from Reno at Mather field, 14 miles from Sacramento, at 8:51 this morning.

SHOOT AND KILLS SELF IN PRESENCE OF YOUNG BRIDE

Inquiry Being Made Into Suicide of Donnell Haggie at Park Field Saturday Night. Domestic Troubles Cause.

In the presence of his brother and wife of three weeks, Donnell Haggie, 24 years old, of the 21st Air squadron, Park field, shot and killed himself in the soldiers' quarters about 10:30 o'clock Saturday night. Domestic troubles are said to have been responsible for the act.

Haggie was married three weeks ago to a Denver, Tenn., girl. She was living with him at Park field. He was sitting in his quarters Saturday night talking to his wife and brother when he suddenly got up and went out without saying where he was going. He went to the guardhouse where the commander of the guard was issuing a pass to him. While the officer's back was turned he appropriated his revolver and left unobserved.

Returning to his quarters he went into his room where his wife and brother were sitting. Excitedly he muttered something about "ending it all" and then he raised the revolver, the muzzle pointed at his breast and fired. Death was instantaneous, the bullet entering just above the heart and entering at the back.

Maj. George E. Lovell, commandant, is conducting an investigation into the soldier's death. He said Monday morning there was little doubt but that the youth took his own life. The body was removed to Thompson Bros., undertaking parlors, where it is being prepared to be sent to the dead man's home at Clarksville, Tenn.

The widow at once notified her father at Denver, Tenn., to come to Memphis. He was slated at Park field Monday morning that she had left there.

SECOND SUSPECT BEING HELD FOR TRAIN ROBBERY

H. J. Martin, 25 years old, 2223 Florida street, is being held by order of J. B. Turney, chief of police, pending a thorough investigation of the train robbery. Martin voluntarily went to police headquarters Sunday night when it came to his ears that the police were investigating his actions.

Martin, according to the police, is a close friend of Cates. He denies any connection with the robbery. Bond C. Harmon, express messenger, after seeing Martin Sunday night, could not positively identify him as one of the three men who entered the express car, although he said Martin looked something like one of them. A negro helper who was with Harmon in the car saw Martin Monday morning at police headquarters. He was unable to identify him.

Despite the lack of evidence against Martin, the police are still holding him. It is intimated his automobile may have been used to bring the passenger train to a stop when the bandits had accomplished the robbery of the express car. The police are entering their efforts on learning if Martin's automobile was used between midnight Friday and dawn Saturday.

"We are pretty certain in our own minds who committed the robbery, but as yet we have not been able to get Smith, chief of detectives, said Monday morning. "We are exerting every effort to solve the puzzle and expect to make several arrests within the next day or so."

The condition of Cates was reported slightly improved Monday morning at the General hospital. While he is still in a dangerous condition he is considered as having a fighting chance for recovery. He stoutly maintains that he knows nothing of the robbery of the train, even when told he was at death's door from the gunshot wound.

Bond C. Harmon, an express messenger on a train, is said to have identified Cates as one of the three men who entered the express car and made him hold up his hands at the point of a gun. Harmon, it is stated, says Cates was the only man of the trio who wore a mask.

The suspect detained by the police Sunday is a railroad switchman here. Chief Smith ordered him released when questioning failed to establish a possible connection with the robbery.

According to the police Cates was convicted at Vicksburg, Miss., on a charge of theft. He was also arrested here on April 5 on a charge of robbery. W. J. McMaster, a switch tender, alleged Cates and another man held him up, and after beating him, robbed him. Cates was bound over to the state and his trial was scheduled for Wednesday.

MENTAL COLLAPSE BRANDED UNTRUE

Lawrence Refutes Intangible Stories About Loss of Mentality by President and Shows Recovery Certain.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Special Correspondent of The News-Scimitar).

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Rumor is a fugitive and intangible thing, but judging by the inquiries and tales which have come here from the country at large concerning the true nature of President Wilson's illness, gossip has attributed every conceivable ailment known to man to the distinguished patient who lies sick at the White House.

Many persons who have been bitterly opposed to the president's policies and who have imagined even the possibility of a nervous breakdown that his ideas were irrational, have not hesitated to jump at the conclusion that the president's illness had been affected by his labors. Others even more sympathetically inclined forgive some of his previous remarks on his Western trip on the ground that he must have been exhausted by the Paris conference and that he had been mixed up of his previous poise and calmness.

But the truth is not difficult to discover. A habit of discounting official statements and imagining that more is embodied in them than their actual words imply has perhaps been responsible for the rapid spread of sensational rumors. In any event, the president has not suffered anything that has impaired his mental faculties. It was a fear of what might happen rather than any excitement over what had happened that caused the president's physician to call off the Western trip.

The president's illness is of such a simple character that it is readily explained. Mr. Wilson was on the train for nearly a month. Prior to that he had tried himself up at Paris and before that in the most arduous labors conceivable in directing America's part in the war. But constant exercise has

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 13, 1919.

Hour. Dry Bulb. Wet Bulb. Humidity.

6 a.m. 64° 54° 55%

10 a.m. 68° 58° 58%

1 p.m. 72° 62° 62%

4 p.m. 76° 66° 66%

7 p.m. 70° 60° 60%

10 p.m. 64° 54° 55%

Forecast: Partly cloudy, with some light rain Tuesday.

Tennessee—Probable showers, not much change in temperature.

Mississippi—Probable showers; stationary temperature.

Arkansas—Cloudy; probably rain.

Alabama—Probable showers, not much change in temperature.

Kentucky—Cloudy and somewhat warmer; probably showers Tuesday.

West Texas—Scattered showers; somewhat warmer except in southeast.

Oklahoma—Cloudy; probable rain, warmer.

East Texas—Cloudy; local showers; warmer.

North Carolina—Partly cloudy, probable rain in west; continued cool.

Georgia—Cloudy; probable showers in north; cooler in southeast.

Florida—Fair.

Kansas—Generally fair in west; showers and warmer in east; cooler Tuesday in west.

Women Nose Fraud.

The Citizens' League campaign committee has information that some such tactics are to be used this year. They have made no public charge to that effect, but they have special committees ready to watch the registration, not only in the first ten wards, but in all wards where there is any danger of an attempt to fraudulently register anyone. Members of that committee will check the registration and will be prepared to prosecute such matters.

J. E. Thomas, foreman of the grand jury, said Monday that he and the other members of that body stand ready to co-operate with all good citizens in seeing that any attempt at violation of the election law is promptly arrested. The criminal courts and the law enforcing agencies connected with them have demonstrated recently that they are backed by public opinion; the law can be made supreme in Memphis.

Figures are interesting, but politicians who are figuring on the coming registration find much to interest them.

There are 21,223 men and women voters registered in Memphis now. Of these, 16,000 are men and 5,223 are women. There are 2,490 negro men and 1,197 negro women registered.

In pursuance of the registration law, many women have been appointed as poll tax collectors. About 14,500 have paid their poll taxes. Probably 2,500 of those were not registered, but will register this week.

The registration books will be opened Wednesday morning at the usual polling place, or at any other place possible. Many women have been appointed as registrars in the residence wards. Voters who did not register last August, or those who have since moved, must register if they wish to vote next month.

BUY MATCHES AND AID OLD MEN'S HOME

All day Tuesday women will match on downtown streets, the proceeds to go to the Sunshine Home for Aged Men. The sale will continue from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Mrs. W. L. Perry, in charge of the work, announced his candidacy for mayor, cut his name out of the book, as shown above, and also cut his name from the poll book, used at elections in 1915 and since that date, has not been explained.

Desoto county officials make no specific charge as to who mutilated their records.

They do state, however, that just a short time before Mr. Williams announced his candidacy in Memphis Gordon Williams, his son, and Edgar Chestnut, his nephew, asked to see their records. They were alone for some time in the room with the records.

40 AVIATORS RESUME FLIGHTS IN CONTEST

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—After a day's rest and with more favorable weather over nearly the entire course, 40 army aviators resumed their flights in the transcontinental aerial derby. Capt. Lowell H. Smith, who arrived at Minneola at 10:50 a.m. today, was the third flyer to complete the first of the trip from San Francisco. Two flyers expected to reach Minneola before the end of the day. They are Lieut. R. S. Worthington and Lieut. H. E. S. Worthington, who left Cleveland this morning.

Capt. Harry Drayton left Reno headed for San Francisco, early in the day with indications he would be the second flyer to finish the first half of the transcontinental trip among the westbound contingent.

Others in the westbound group who expected to reach San Francisco today were Lieut. L. S. Webster, Capt. J. O. Donaldson and Lieut. Alexander Pearson, Jr., who left Salt Lake, Utah, and Capt. Harry Smith and Lieut. E. M. MacIntosh, who left Green River for the Pacific coast.

Eleven westbound flyers left Cleveland early in the day, while others hopped off from Buffalo, headed for San Francisco.

Half a dozen flyers passed one another in Chicago during the morning. A dozen flyers were strung out between Chicago and Salt Lake City, pointing toward the Pacific coast. All the flyers expect to reach their destinations before tomorrow night.

NEWS OF OTHER RACING AIRMEN

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—Maj. J. C. P. Barthol, in plane No. 51, left Grant park, eastbound, at 7:34:02 this morning.

BRYAN, O., Oct. 13.—Capt. Felix Steinke, piloting a De Havilland 4, left here at 7:08 today on his way west in the transcontinental airplane flight.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 13.—Four westbound aviators started from control stations in this district for Salt Lake today. They were: From Salt Lake, Lieut. M. W. Manzelman; from Salduro, Lieut. L. S. Webster, Capt. J. O. Donaldson and Lieut. Alex Pearson, Jr.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 13.—Lieut. H. D. Norris, who spent Sunday in Omaha, resumed his westward flight this morning. Lieut. W. C. F. Brown arrived at Ak-Sar-Ben field from Des Moines at 9:01:32.

Planes Nos. 32, 44 and 45 piloted by Lieut. J. P. Roulet, Lieut. F. Kirby and Lieut. T. Hynes, arrived at Ak-Sar-Ben field from Des Moines this morning.

Webster's Friends Send Donations For Widow and Children

The News-Scimitar Monday received three more contributions for the fund that is being raised for the widow and children of O. R. Webster, slain deputy United States marshal.

Persons desiring to make contributions to the fund may send check or cash to The News-Scimitar and it will be acknowledged and turned over to Mrs. Webster. Contributions received thus far are as follows:

Previously acknowledged	\$1,162.83
A. D. Heinemann	5.00
W. W. W.	2.00
Total	\$1,169.83

Gordon Williams Denies Knowledge Of Record Alteration

To The News-Scimitar.

The insinuations and statements which appeared in your paper on several occasions relative to my having taken part in the mutilation of the registration records at Hernando, Miss., are untrue, unbecoming and unwarranted.

My cousin, Edgar Chestnut, and myself, both doing business in DeSoto county, have occasion to be at Hernando at various times. At none of these times have we sought to make any alterations or changes in the registration books of DeSoto county.

If the records were mutilated, I had no part in it, one way or the other, and in that primary, I have obtained no knowledge of it. It is my own belief that, if mutilated, it was done by enemies of my father. I desire to make this statement, and request that it be printed, in view of the injurious done me in your paper.

GORDON WILLIAMS.

MEMPHIAN HONORED AT COTTON MEETING

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 12.—Delegates to the World Cotton conference, at the first general session here today, perfected a temporary organization, with William B. Thompson, of New Orleans, as president. The temporary organization will have charge of the conference until Thursday, when plans will be submitted for a permanent organization.

Other temporary officers followed: Vice-president, Frank H. Crump, of Memphis; Giorgio Mylius, of Italy; Sir Frank Warner, of England; Fernand de la Roche, of France; Charles Cates, of New Orleans; recording secretary, Winston D. Adams, of Charlotte, N. C.; associate secretaries, Arno S. Pearce, of London; Eugene P. Ginn, of Oklahoma City; W. S. Turner, of Little Rock, and H. C. Dickerman, of Wash, D. C.

J. J. WILLIAMS SIGNED THIS OATH IN 1915 TO VOTE IN MISSISSIPPI

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County of De Soto, Mississippi.

Homestead

Registered Voters in

24

327	June 1915	James B. Blythe	W. T. McLean
328	17	James B. Blythe	W. T. McLean
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The above photographic copy shows two pages of the registration book for the Horn Lake voting precinct, in DeSoto county, Miss. At the bottom of each page, a strip has been cut out with a sharp knife. On that portion of each page, the name of J. J. Williams formerly appeared as a registered voter of DeSoto county. He was registered June 15, 1915, by Wm. F. Wood, circuit clerk, and election registrar.

On the opposite page, Mr. Williams signed the oath, which appears on the top of the page, part of which is in these words:

"I do solemnly swear that I am 21 years old, and that I will have resided in this state two years and in the Horn Lake election district of DeSoto county one year next preceding the ensuing election and am now in good faith a resident of the same."

That I will truly answer all questions propounded to me as they relate to my right to vote—SO HELP ME GOD—J. J. Williams.

In pursuance of his signed declaration of citizenship, made in July, Mr. Williams on Aug. 24 of the same year, 1915, he set in a legalized state primary election.

Why it was that some persons, or persons, in July of the present year, 1919, just a week or two before Mr. Williams announced his candidacy for mayor, cut his name out of the book, as shown above, and also cut his name from the poll book, used at elections in 1915 and since that date, has not been explained.

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Soon thereafter the records were found to have been mutilated.

Saturday night Mr. Williams for the first time made a personal statement publicly for the newspapers. He said he did vote, did sign his name below the oath, but claimed then and claims now, to be a citizen of Tennessee and of Memphis.

In order to give Mr. Williams' statement just as much publicity as the fact that he did sign the oath and did register and vote, his statement is printed in full herewith. Mr. Williams writes:

"To the Public:

"Those opposing me for mayor seem to recognize that a majority of the people of Memphis favor my election, and they therefore have undertaken to raise a hue and cry as to my eligibility. This is a legal question which can be determined at the proper time and in the proper way. This claimer is a recognition by my opponents that, if in the state of Mississippi, I never entered the mind of either of us that we were ceasing to be Tennesseeans. We acquired a little farm in the expectation that a temporary sojourn in the country would alleviate our suffering, and that we would later on, in a little place and come back to Memphis. I have amassed no fortune in the public service, and the expedient of purchasing a little place to reside was adopted because of my financial condition.

"There was a primary election and I voted in that election. I was told by friends and neighbors who knew I was a citizen of Tennessee) that my residence in Mississippi for two years entitled me to vote. I did not investigate the law. I voted and have never regretted it, but on further reflection I refrained from voting in the regular election.

"I understood that residence rather than citizenship gave me the right to vote in that primary. I have obtained legal advice that this mistaken idea does not disqualify me, and does not stand in the way of my asking the good people of Memphis to make me their mayor.

"I signed no paper except some sort of a book which was a purely preliminary matter; when I signed I understood it to be a formal matter, and I made no representations and took no oath.

"As I have always admitted everything I did in the matter no possible reason existed for any mutilation of records. I know of no such thing being done. If it was done, it was done by some one hostile to me to give color to the present unjust claim.

"Everyone on whom a heavy claim has fallen will appreciate my feelings and understand why I was temporarily away from Memphis.

"Very respectfully,

"J. J. WILLIAMS."